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**U.S. Embassy Urges Peaceful Resolution to Violence**

The U.S. Embassy in South Sudan is deeply concerned at the recent outbreak of armed violence in Juba. We join the UN Special Representative's request for all parties to "cease hostilities immediately and exercise restraint."

Throughout the night and this morning U.S. Embassy officials have spoken with a range of government officials, diplomatic counterparts, and concerned parties in order to urge calm, restraint, and a settling of differences through a peaceful political means rather than through violence.

We have released two Warden Messages to U.S. citizens regarding the events on the ground, and urge all citizens to remain indoors at this time. The U.S. Embassy will continue to monitor the events on the ground and provide updates as they become available.

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